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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a free lance writer who uses online communication extensively in my work. I chose a local, competitive provider for my office, because they are able to give me exactly what I need at a competitive price and with responsive service if anything goes wrong.

I oppose the the USTelecom petition, because it would hurt businesses like the one I use. If the petition passes, it will affect my independent carrier by eliminating their right to serve customers on copper lines and to use fiber to connect to networks around the state. I believe we need to have healthy competition between businesses that provide this kind of service, and we should not be trying to limit their ability to serve customers adequately.

So please do not grant this petition from the US Telecom Association. I believe it would be a huge mistake!

Thanks for your consideration!

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